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City of Chicago Unveils “The Hon. Milton I. Shadur Way” on West Adams

Chicago, Ill. - On October 18, 2019, the City of Chicago unveiled “The Hon. Milton Shadur Way,” on West Adams Street along Federal Plaza. An honorary street sign was dedicated in a ceremony attended by Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Alderman Brendan Reilly, and many of Judge Shadur’s family, friends, and colleagues.

“Judge Shadur was a giant in our court and the legal profession. We are so delighted that his dedication to our court and passion for justice are now memorialized right outside the courthouse where he served ardently for 37 years,” said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

Judge Milton I. Shadur passed away in January 2018, at the age of 93. Judge Shadur was nominated to U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Judge Shadur served as a district judge for over 37 years and authored more than 11,000 opinions.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Judge Shadur graduated from the University of Chicago at the age of 18 with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and physics. In 1949, Judge Shadur received his J.D. from the University of Chicago after serving as a radar officer in the United States Navy during World War II and earning the rank of lieutenant (junior grade). Prior to his nomination to the bench, he was in private practice from 1949-80. In addition to his service as a United States District Judge, various Chief Justices of the United States designated Judge Shadur to sit on nine Courts of Appeals around the country. Judge Shadur also contributed significantly to the administration of justice throughout the nation by his work on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, on which he served for nearly 10 years. Judge Shadur chaired that Committee from late 1999 until September 30, 2002.



Above: Chief Judge Pallmeyer poses with Alderman Reilly and members of the Shadur Family.



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